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SUBJECT: STANE DOLANC ON INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY: IN TWO RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU SECRETARY STANE DOLANC HAS CONFIDENTLY EVALUATED PARTY'S DEFEAT OF ITS INTERNAL ENEMIES WHILE WARNING PARTY MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SHOW PUBLIC, SELF-CRITICAL AND ACTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PARTY LINE "MUST WALK OUT OF LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS". END SUMMARY.

2. LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU SECRETARY STANE DOLANC HAS TWICE IN RECENT DAYS SUMMED UP HIS VIEWS OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST YEAR'S APPEARANCE OF TITO/EXECUTIVE BUREAU LETTER. PRESS HAS GIVEN THOROUGH TREATMENT OF BOTH TV INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 17 AND ZRENJANIN (VOJVODINA) APPEARANCE SEPTEMBER 19.

3. IN BOTH APPEARANCES DOLANC APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT "CURRENTS OF OPPOSITION" WITHIN PARTY HAD BEEN DEFEATED POLITICALLY. HE STATED IN ZRENJANIN THAT "IT IS NOT IMPORTANT IF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ARE STILL IN OPPOSITION TODAY BECAUSE AT PRESENT NO ONE AMONG THEM CAN PUBLIC STRUGGLE AGAINST SELF-MANAGEMENT". THIS TONE STRIKINGLY IN CONTRAST WITH STATEMENT BY PASKO ROMAC (CHAIRMAN, LCY PRESIDIU COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND
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FINANCIAL-MATERIAL QUESTIONS) MADE IN VOJVODINA SEPTEMBER 9

(AND REPRINTED IN SEPTEMBER 17 ISSUE KOMUNIST) WHICH STRONGLY URGED SQUARING ACCOUNTS (READ PURGE) WITHIN THE SERBIAN AND FEDERAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS.

4. IN POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY TEPAVAC (WHOSE HOMEBASE WAS ZRENJANIN) DOLANC DID POINTEDLY WARN PARTY MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS THAT THEY MUST EITHER DECLARE THEMSELVES CLEARLY ABOUT THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD PARTY IN A "PUBLIC, SELF-CRITICAL AND ACTIVE" MANNER OR ELSE "WALK-OUT" OF PARTY. (TEPAVAC AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SERBIAN AND VOJVODINA PARTIES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS LAST FALL HAVE REMAINED SILENT, I.E., UN-REPETANT IN VIEW OF PRESENT LEADERSHIP.)

5. DOLANC'S PRAISE OF 52ND SESSION OF VOJVODINA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE, WHERE BASIC COURSE FOR PROVINCE PARTY WAS SET, WOULD APPEAR TO TAKE WIND OUT OF SAID OF THOSE WHO WANT MORE HEADS TO ROLL.

6. IN HIS TV INTERVIEW DOLANC REFERRED TO UPCOMING TENTH LCY CONGRESS AS TAKING PLACE IN "FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR". THIS CHANGE IN FORMULATION FROM "SPRING 1974" MAY INDICATE SOME SLIPPAGE, AND CONGRESS MAY NOW BE PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE AS LATE AS JUNE.

7. COMMENT: DOLANC'S GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF LETTER AND DEFEAT OF PARTY'S INTERNAL ENEMIES COULD BE AIMED AT THOSE GROUPS, PARTICULARLY IN VOJVODINA, WHO APPEAR EXCESSIVELY OCCUPIED WITH "GETTING" EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH DISCREDITED FORMER LEADERSHIP. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE FURTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES IN REPUBLIC AND PROVINCE PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AND INSISTENT DEMANDS FOR SELF-CRITICISM, NAMING NAMES IN VARIOUS SPECIFIC CASES, BUT DOLANC APPARENTLY DOES NOT WANT SEARCH FOR SCAPEGOATS TO DOMINATE PARTY ACTIVITY IN GENERAL IN COMING MONTHS LEADING UP TO "LANDMARK" TENTH CONGRESS, WHEN PARTY AFFAIRS MUST BE PUT IN ORDER AND NOT FURTHER DISRUPTED BY WITCHHUNTS.
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